

COMMUNITY NEWS



CHILDREN AT PLAY...With temperatures reaching the upper 70s on Monday and Tuesday of this week, children could be found outside playing all-around Elba. Justin and Mandi Maltby were accompanied by their dad to the playground located beside the Elba Parks and Recreation Building on Tuesday afternoon after school. Above, Justin (1) and Mandi (2) show off their swinging abilities as traffic passes by on Claxton Avenue. As Spring nears and temperatures continue to warm, scenes such as the one above are sure to become a frequent sight throughout the city.

PSC approves dates for dialing new 251 area code

Beginning in mid-June, Alabamians can dial the new 251 area code to call southwest Alabama.

The Alabama Public Service Commission approved an implementation plan for "251" at its regular monthly meeting recently. According to the plan, the transitional dialing period for the new area code starts June 18, 2001 when either "251" or "334" can be dialed. On Jan. 7, 2002, it will become mandatory to dial "251" to reach most of southwest

Alabama.

The six-month transition to the new code will allow phone subscribers to become accustomed to dialing "251" as well as give businesses a chance to reprogram PBX systems, speed calling services and auto dialers for FAX machines and computers.

The area of southwest Alabama that will receive the "251" area code includes portions of Wilcox, Clarke and Choctaw counties, most of Monroe County and all of Washington, Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia counties.

However, one issue that will not be affected by the change of area code is toll-free calling or telephone rates. Any call that was local before the implementation of "251" will still be a local call. This applies both during the transitional period and once mandatory dialing begins.

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Siegelman provides \$395,412 for "One-Stop" Career Link Centers in Elba and Enterprise

Governor Bob Siegelman has provided funds needed to help Wiregrass residents update their job skills or train for new careers close to home. Siegelman approved the release of Workforce Investment Act funds to the South Alabama Skills Center in Mobile, providing \$395,412 to operate "One-Stop" Career Link Centers in Elba and Enterprise.

"In today's uncertain world, it is not unusual for workers to be

underemployed or out of work due to circumstances beyond their control," Siegelman said. "I am pleased to support this effort to help Alabama citizens identify and take advantage of new career and training opportunities."

The "One-Stop" Career Link Centers in Elba and Enterprise are designed to provide a variety of services to assist individuals in obtaining employment. The centers offer skills assessment

and testing, career guidance, access to appropriate training, referrals to other programs and case management for residents of Coffee, Geneva and Covington counties.

Funding for the grants is made available to the state through the U.S. Department of Labor. Siegelman has designated the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to administer the grants.

Farmers Market Authority receives grant to help seniors

Don Wambles, Administrator of the State of Alabama Farmers Market Authority, announces that the Farmers Market Authority will receive a \$745,360 grant to be distributed to more than 18,500 low-income seniors to buy Alabama grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs from Alabama farmers.

The grant is to fund the

Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Pilot Program (SFMNPP).

In November 2000, USDA announced the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Pilot Program. The goals of the SFMNPP include 1) improving the diets of low-income seniors, 2) increasing sales of fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs at farmers markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs, and 3) to assist in developing new or expanding existing farmers' markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs.

On January 4, 2001, USDA announced the award of nearly \$15 million in grants to help more than 370,000 low-income seniors in 31 states, four Indian Tribal Governments and one Indian Tribal Organization buy fresh produce at farmers markets.

Funding for the SFMNPP comes from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC),

whose resources may be used to "Increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic markets or by developing or aiding in the development of new and additional markets, marketing facilities, and uses for such commodities."

The Alabama SFMNPP will provide recipients, low-income seniors in 15 Alabama counties, with cash benefits for use during the 2001 harvest season to purchase fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs only at farmers markets certified by the Farmers Market Authority (FMA) and can only be accepted by farmers who have been certified to participate in the program. Any Alabama farmer wishing to participate in the program should contact the FMA. The Alabama Farmers Market

Authority is collaborating with the Department of Senior Services (formerly the Department of Human Resources, Food Stamp Division and Alabama Indian Affairs) to identify low-income seniors in the pilot program counties.

The Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Pilot Program (SFMNPP) will be piloted in these counties: Autauga, Clay, Coffee, Dallas, Escambia, Fayette, Franklin, Houston, Jefferson, Lowndes, Madison, Marengo, Mobile, Perry and Tuscaloosa. Once identified, eligible low-income seniors in these counties will be notified by mail of where they can receive and use the SFMNPP coupons.

"We are very pleased to be awarded these federal funds for such a worthy cause. This program will increase farmers' client base and incomes; provide low-income seniors with nutritious Alabama grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs and we all stand to benefit from a healthier senior population and the economic stimulus that will be felt by many local economies throughout Alabama. This program is an example of direct marketing in which everyone benefits," Wambles said.

Relay For Life... more than just raising money

Join people from all walks of life on May 18 for an overnight team event to celebrate survivorship and raise money and awareness in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's national signature event where participants walk, run, stroll and shuffle around a track during the community event. Relay For Life participants are encouraged to camp out around the track and take part in family fun activities when they aren't taking the turn on the track.

"Relay For Life is not just about raising money, it's about raising awareness and bringing attention to this horrible disease," said Sheila Reeves, American Cancer Society. "Many of the participants are cancer survivors themselves and they are living proof of the strides we have made in the fight against cancer."

The Opp Jaycees will host the 42nd Annual Rattlesnake Rodeo at Channell-Lee Stadium in Opp on Saturday, March 3, and Sunday, March 4. Events to include arts & crafts, entertainment, games, food and much more. Gates open at 8 a.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the gates.

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BOE's building project nears completion

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The monthly meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education last Thursday evening began on a somber note with the board members and those present observing a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Joyce Barksdale.

Mrs. Barksdale, a board member from November 1992 until the present, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 18, and was laid to rest on Tuesday, Feb. 20. All board members expressed their admiration for Mrs. Barksdale and all agreed that her presence on the board would be greatly missed.

After the moment of silence, the board approved the evening's agenda and got down to business.

David Langford, representing the architectural firm that serves the school, reported on the construction progress, presently going on at the county system's three campuses.

He reported that the computer lab at the Zion Chapel campus has been dried in and the outside brickwork has been completed. Work is now progressing on the inside work, interior walls,

installation of mechanical and electrical works, etc.

The roof on the building on the New Brockton campus is nearing completion, and the brickwork has been completed, and it is nearing the dried-in stage.

On the Kinston campus, the lighting work on the classrooms is being scheduled and should move rather quickly with the arrival of spring break.

"We are looking to try to finish these projects all through April or May," commented Supt. Rodger Bowden, Langford added. "Should be about the middle of April."

Supt. Bowden asked for and received permission from the board to bid a fence to be erected around the playground of the Zion Chapel Elementary School.

He told board members that a competitive project grant application for \$10,000 (the county system has to supply 25% of the funds) was submitted and approved for the funds to be used to install the fence. One of the main reasons for the fence is the safety aspect.

"When we had our consul-

dated review, one of the things we were cited for was safety at Zion Chapel," said Bowden. "With it being out in the country, they said that for safety reasons - with it [the playground] being adjacent to the highway - we need a fence around the playground area to keep kids from wandering off the playground."

The board also gave its approval for the awarding of the project to the low bidder once all bids are received and reviewed.

Turning to other matters of business, the board approved the adoption of board policy IEE dealing with students' dual enrollment/postsecondary institutions. This policy basically gives the superintendent and principals authority to make the decision as to whether or not the student is capable of doing the required work. The board also approved the deletion of board policy IDKD which is in conflict with IEE policy.

The following out-of-state travel requests were approved by the board:

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PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST...The Elba Lions Club held its Annual Pancake Breakfast last Saturday, March 3, at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. As always, the breakfast was a huge attraction for both the young and young-at-heart. Even the rainy weather couldn't keep Elba's faithful away from supporting the local Lions Club. Above, Lindsey Gamley carefully applies just the right amount of syrup to her pancakes before satisfying that morning hunger. To get a closer look at more scenes from this year's pancake breakfast, please see Page 12.

New Brockton meeting smooth & routine

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council conducted its monthly meeting Monday evening in just under an hour with most of the matters addressed being routine.

After adopting the meeting agenda, Mayor Charles Cole announced to the council that the grant application to the state department of transportation had been disapproved. Referring to a letter, Mayor Cole told council members that the transportation enhancement project could not be funded at this time. There were more than 120 applications presented and New Brockton was not one of the fortunate ones. The funds would have been used in the widening of city streets and work on the senior citizens center.

"Hopefully we can apply again this coming year, and it will be funded," said the mayor. Under the heading of new business, Police Chief Jerry Gilbert told the council that the possibility of acquiring a drug dog was being looked into by his department. Recently, two trained canines were brought in for a demonstration and both were very successful in locating "hidden drugs." The cost of getting a fully trained canine is \$4,500.

Chief Gilbert said he had checked with officials at the local housing authority and was told, at the present time, they had no funds available to aid in obtaining a drug dog. After a brief discussion, it was decided to put the project on hold until the chief can look into the availability of funds to be used in obtaining the trained

Food," said McLwain.

It was the consensus of the council that both these projects needed to move forward. Councilman McLwain's was given approval to proceed with these projects providing funds are readily available to pay for the work.

Mayor Cole reported that the contract with the Enterprise Rescue Squad to provide emergency medical service to the town had been extended for an additional six months. He also said that the garbage collection contract had been signed with Arrow Mark Dunning Industries in the process of picking up containers

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Earthquake causes anxious moments for local resident

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The earthquake that rocked the northwest last week was also felt in Vancouver and other parts of British Columbia and in southern Oregon more than 300 miles away. Its rippling effects even reached Elba in that it caused several anxious hours for those having relatives living in the State of Washington.

The 6.8 magnitude quake hit last Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10:54 a.m. and was centered 35 miles southwest of Seattle.

Colleen King, an employee of the Circuit Clerk's Office in Elba, has relatives living in Tacoma, Washington, which is located southwest of Seattle and was very near the center of the quake.

Last Wednesday, this reporter was on his weekly route delivering The Elba Clipper when he heard the news about the quake on the radio. Upon entering the Circuit Clerk's Office in Elba, he mentioned the quake and Colleen responded, "Yeah, we know, I have two sisters and other relatives living in Washington, and I've been unable to get through to them on the phone."

In checking with two different radio stations' news department, it was learned that, although there was a lot of damage to buildings and the infrastructure, no deaths or serious injuries had been reported. Further checking on the Internet revealed the same information.

However, all of this was of little consolation to Mrs. King because she had not talked to her two sisters. She wanted that



Colleen King

assurance to come from someone that was on the scene, preferably her sisters.

Finally, at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday night, Mrs. King spoke with her sister Kathy Bailey and was relieved to find that all were safe. She was told that her other sister, Joyce Anderson, was on vacation in Arizona.

Mrs. Bailey, an employee of Allenwood Hospital in Tacoma, told her sister that the emergency room had been real busy due to the quake but that no one sustained any serious injuries - just scared to death. She works in the respiratory department as an assistant to the department head.

A niece, Debbie Banfield, is a school teacher in one of the local schools and she reported that everyone took emergency precautions just as they had been instructed to do - they hit the floor and got under their desks. No one was injured and Mrs. King was relieved to be able to continue her work and know her loved ones were faring fine.

Area Happenings

ELBA BLOOD DRIVE. The American Red Cross will sponsor an Elba Community Blood Drive on Friday, March 9, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Elba Parks and Recreation Building located on Claxton Avenue.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, March 12, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS NIGHT. Elba High School will have 8th Grade Parents Night on Tuesday, March 13, previously scheduled for March 8th, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents and students should attend this meeting to discuss important issues concerning the student's education for grades 9-12. Topics for discussion will be credits for graduation, advanced and standard diplomas, course selections, embedded credits, new graduation requirements, eligibility for extra-curricular activities and other topics of interest.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The special session of the Alabama Legislature, called to solve the funding problems facing public education, ended without an approved solution. The various factions represented in the state legislative body were unable to reach any kind of compromise and they adjourned Monday evening with the schools still facing an immediate shortage of operating money. Tuesday the debate continued, with college student leaders meeting with the governor to present their concerns over the possibility of their tuition cost exploding upward and/or classes being canceled. As Governor Don Siegelman said following his meeting with the students and telling them that Higher Ed was in worse shape because his plan was rejected in the special session, "This means we must be even more committed to working together to find a solution that eases the blow to higher education." Personally, we don't have an answer that will come close to pleasing all the special interest groups in this Battle Royale.

We can't let this day pass without commenting on the tragic events in California on Monday. Another teenage boy decided that a loaded gun banging away his peers was the way to... well, we don't know, what he thought it would accomplish. This incident becomes even more tragic upon hearing that several other students and at least one adult were aware the boy was making threats to commit this horrible act. It is understandable that they would think of him as "just joking." It could happen anywhere in America when someone a person knows, pals around with, is always joking about life, is considered a nice person, etc. makes such a statement. Then if someone begins to question if it is for real, as happened in this case, the person actually passes it off as a joke... 99.9% of us would probably accept that and not want to appear foolish or offend the "jokester" by blowing the whistle. However, there are about 25 people who did just that, plus the 15 who were shot, their families and millions of other Americans who wish at least one of the 25 friends had stepped forward. Maybe California needs to add the 1,800 hot line available to all Alabama students, which allows them to make anonymous calls to report exactly such matters.

The early March rains came again this year and Elba folks didn't take it lightly, maintaining a vigil as the water in the Pea River rose to "full" stage during the weekend. There wasn't near enough rain to cause major flooding in the Elba area, but having been burned (or wet) more than once, the reactions of locals are automatic. Any person who has "been there and done that" would fully understand the human reactions to the rain storm seen in Coffee County during the past weekend and would probably have been doing the same thing. Thankfully, the areas drying out without a major problem. More than once in the past ten years there have been times when the "too much water" fell North of Elba, South, East or West, but far enough away not to cause another local flood. This time was no exception. If you are the least bit religious, please join us in thanking God for all the times he has blessed us and for picking us up when we were down. If you are bashful, just do it in the privacy of your home or automobile. If you don't profess any religious beliefs... find some other sensible answer for all the good things for which we have to be thankful, including the extra 10 or 15 inches of rain that miss us time and time again.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

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From The U. S. House of Representatives

by Congressman Terry Everett

PRESIDENT BUSH SUBMITS HIS FIRST BUDGET TO AMERICA

Last week, President George W. Bush outlined before a joint session of Congress and the American people his budget priorities for next year. Top on his list is increased funding for education to help disadvantaged students, protecting Social Security and Medicare for current and future beneficiaries, and tax cuts for all Americans who pay taxes. His budget plan would also raise military pay and help continue to pay off the national debt.

Public opinion polls conducted after the President's national address indicate that a majority of the American people support his plans to lower federal taxes and strengthen education and Social Security and Medicare. This comes on the heels of previous media polls that have shown near even splits. The public's reversal is not surprising since the liberal national news media has been distorting the Bush plan for weeks and

only now have the people truly had the opportunity to hear about his new budget direct and unfiltered.

Perhaps the most talked about part of the President's new budget proposal is his tax cut for Americans. He wants to set aside roughly one-fourth of the federal budget surplus to provide substantial tax relief to all taxpayers. While some on the left have labeled his tax cut as too generous, it amounts to just a little more than a nickel out of every dollar in federal taxes over the next ten years.

As President Bush pointed out last week, Americans have been overcharged by Washington, and accordingly, are due a refund. For an Alabama family with a median household income of \$36,640, filing jointly and one dependent, their share of the federal tax cut would be \$1,100 (a 41 percent reduction in their total tax bill). For the same income family with two dependents and filing jointly, they would receive a

\$1,600 tax cut (93 percent reduction in their federal tax bill). This is real money for working families.

For the same working families struggling to overcome the effects of the marriage penalty, the President seeks to eliminate the federal tax on the first \$25,000 of a couple's income. This measure would also end the job killing death tax over ten years. These measures, coupled with a top-to-bottom lowering of the federal tax rates, are long overdue as Americans look to Washington to lessen their huge tax load.

As the Bush plan illustrates, we can cut taxes while taking care of the other important programs. The President's new budget strengthens and reforms education while providing an 11.5 percent increase in education funding next year, including a tripling of spending on vital children's reading programs.

Social Security and Medicare

Disturbance reported on Lee Street (5:22 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Caroline Street (9:20 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 2 - River stage - 5:40 feet (6:45 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at the intersection of Farris Street and Claxton Avenue (1:02 p.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 - Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 1895 in the Shiloh Community (5:04 a.m.); River stage - 11.32 feet (6:28 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the gym at Elba High School (10:22 a.m.); River stage - 14.24 feet (12:07 p.m.); River stage - 15.49 (1:53 p.m.); River stage - 16.87 (4:04 p.m.); River stage - 17.86 (4:23 p.m.); River stage - 19.05 (6:23 p.m.); River stage - 19.24 (6:39 p.m.); River stage - 19.44 (7:12 p.m.); River stage - 20.03 (8:23 p.m.); River stage - 20.63 (9:25 p.m.); River stage - 20.83 (9:53 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 - River stage - 22.52 (6:01 a.m.); River stage - 22.66 (9:21 a.m.); River stage - 22.62 (12:25 p.m.); River stage - 22.39 (6:51 p.m.).

Disturbance (loud music) reported in the parking lot at Elba Market Place (9:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the county jail in New Brockton (10:21 p.m.).

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - River stage - 6:60 (6:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Dr. Roberts Drive (10:07 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (3:35 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported in the parking lot at Elba Market Place (9:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the county jail in New Brockton (10:21 p.m.).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - River stage - 5:44 (6:15 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (3:38 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (8:41 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - River stage - 5:04 (6:18 a.m.); Burglary reported on North Claxton Avenue (12:28 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (12:37 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Caroline Street (8:38 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 1 - River stage - 5:40 feet (6:41 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence in the Friendship Community (3:00 p.m.).

8th Grade Parents Night moved to March 13 at EHS

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Please note the change in date for this event. It was previously advertised to take place on March 8; however, 8th Grade Parents Night will now take place on Tuesday, March 13.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

As you are aware, farmers are harvesting their crops earlier each year. This causes most of the dove to have migrated from an area by the time the season opens, especially in the South Zone of the state.

As a concerned land owner in Geneva County, I am working with the Conservation Advisory

Board to discuss opening Dove

Season earlier in the South Zone counties. Barbour, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Dale, Escambia, Geneva, Henry and Houston. A meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, March 10, at 9 a.m. in the State Capitol Auditorium in Montgomery.

We are asking you to please send a letter of support to Mr.

Riley Boykin-Smith, secretary, Alabama Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 1450, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1450. Or you may call his office at 334-242-3486. Your support in the matter is needed and appreciated.

Mike Weeks

Geneva County Landowner

488 Lowery Road

Kinston, Alabama 36453

Miss & Little Miss New Brockton Pageant Contestants



Miss New Brockton contestants pictured above (l-r) are: seated - Lindsey Fryser, Karizmah Yelverton, Calire Bailey, Shelby Adkins, and Hillary Sasser; back row - Mary Michael Dunn, Lexi Melvin, Kathy Adkins, Amber Barnett, and Sloan Carter.



Little Misses New Brockton contestants pictured above (l-r) are: seated - Lindsey Fryser, Karizmah Yelverton, Calire Bailey, Shelby Adkins, and Hillary Sasser; back row - Mary Michael Dunn, Lexi Melvin, Kathy Adkins, Amber Barnett, and Sloan Carter.

The Miss and Little Miss New Brockton Pageant will be held at the New Brockton High School auditorium on Saturday, March 10, at 7 p.m.

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(1) A trip to New Orleans in May by the members of the Zion Chapel Junior Beta Club. The club members are paying for their own expenses including transportation (chartered buses); (2) Five neighborhood students from Zion Chapel will be going to the campus of Southwest Georgia Technical College in Thomasville, Ga. This trip is being funded by Flint Enterprise Company and is in conjunction with a two-year scholarship program sponsored by the company; and (3) Approved the travel of 22 New Brockton students to the Challenger Learning Center in Columbus, Ga. on May 1. These students are involved in the Coffee County Aerospace program.

In the way of a legislative update, Supt. Bowden told board members that although a recent court decision was in

favor of K-12 education, in that it does not allow the governor to

prorate their funds, nothing has

been decided. That court decision

has been appealed.

The real possibility of a 6.2 per-

cent increase in funding still exists

unless the legislature comes up

with a viable solution to the situation. Bowden told

board members that a bill take

between \$350,000 - \$500,000 of

local money to get the system

through this year regardless of

whether the proposition remains at

the 6.2 percent or goes to 4.4

percent.

"The bottomline is that we

have a plan in place to keep our

instructional programs in tact for

the rest of this school year," he

said. "Next year, of course, is

still a mystery."

Finally, Bowden outlined, for

the board, the procedure in place

for filling the vacant board position.

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ones to residences and businesses.

"We're asking that everyone

be patient during this transition,"

said Cole. "We know there will

be some problems. Some will be

missed. Anyone having any problems should call

city hall for assistance."

A copy of a noise ordinance

was handed out to members of

the council, and they were asked

to review it and action would be

taken at next month's council

meeting.

Two members of the council,

Johnnie Herron and Jody

Stuckey, brought to the attention

of the council two drainage

problems. Herron noted that

during the recent heavy rains,

and in the past, residents in the

area of Youngblood Street experienced

flooding from runoff water. Stuckey referred to the

same type problem on South

John Street.

After several minutes of discussion,

all members of the council agreed

they needed to get some "professional

guidance" in finding a solution to

these two problems. Mayor Cole

told members of the council that

he would personally contact the

county engineer, Randy Tindell, and

enlist his help.

It was also noted by the city

clerk, Mrs. Annette Williams, that

it was possible that funds might

be available from FEMA (Federal

Emergency Management Agency) in

alleviating the problem on

Youngblood Street. This will be

coordinated by the Coffee County

Emergency Management Agency once a

decision is agreed upon by the

council.

Police Chief Gilbert reported that

his department had issued 18

traffic citations during the past

month, responded to 20 other

incidents, and investigated one

automobile accident. The fire

department was dispatched to

four grass fires and the one

automobile accident. Animal

control picked up 5 stray dogs

and delivered them to the pound

in Elba.

Finally, the council approved

payment of monthly bills totaling

\$21,634.26.

The next meeting of the New

Brockton Council will be held

on Monday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m.

in the council chamber located

in city hall.

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CHURCH NEWS

"Higher Reach" to be in concert at Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 189 South of Brantley, will have a gospel singing on Saturday, March 10, at 7 p.m. The featured group will be "Higher Reach" from Troy. Everyone is invited to attend.

Haw Hill Assembly of God plans Revival Services for March 12-16

Haw Hill Assembly of God, located 12 miles South of Brundidge on Hwy. 125, will hold Revival Services March 12-16 at Bates Memorial Stadium.

The Southeast Alabama Regional Crusade will be held March 18-21 at Bates Memorial Stadium.

The Southeast Alabama Regional Crusade will be held March 18-21, 7 p.m. nightly in Bates Memorial Stadium at Enterprise Highway. Free childcare will be available directly across from the stadium at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Rick Gage will be the crusade's featured evangelist and will join fellow evangelist Rick Stanley, soloist Chuck Sullivan, local television personality, Ann Vothum, and former Alabama

Final plans being made for Spring Gospel Fest in Andalusia to be held March 31

The Spring Gospel Fest will be held at the Kiwanis Community Center on the Southern Bypass in Andalusia on Saturday, March 31. The concert will begin at 6 p.m. There will be no admission charge; however, a love offering

Westside Baptist Church to host Mt. Gilead Quartet Saturday, March 10

Mt. Gilead Quartet will be in concert at Westside Baptist Church on Saturday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. A love offering will be taken to support their ministry.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Richard Kyle-Associate Pastor
Greater New Zion
Missionary Baptist Church

It's harvest time

Matt. 13: 24-30, 37-43

In this world today, we all have had stumbling blocks that have tried to stop our growth in Christ. In this parable, verse 24 says the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat. When the blade was sprung up, the tares appeared also. The field Christ said is the world. What we must understand is that as signifying the church of Christ in the world, the parable is a description of that which pertains to the Kingdom of God. His work of salvation of men. This work is accomplished through the church.

Point 1 - The Field
The field is the world. The world of mankind, a large field. If we look at this in the natural sense, the fields are well taken care of by the farmer. It takes time to do everything they can to get the field ready to be used. In the spiritual sense we need to spend more time taking care of Christ's field, preparing the world to meet Christ. The Bible says the harvest is great but the laborers are few. So we need to get about God's business.

Point 2 - The Good Seed
He that sows the good seed is the son of man. Whatever good seed there is in the world it is from the hand of Christ. The good seed represents those who are born of the word of God. Jesus Christ is the sower of good seed. Remember, whatever is good comes from the hand of Christ. I read that men sometimes took revenge upon an enemy by sowing his newly-sown fields with seeds of some harmful weeds, that while growing, closely resembled wheat, but injured the crop and brought trouble to the owner of the field. Satan has for a while scattered his evil seed among the good grain of the kingdom. Christians doing any and everything and we are not, Malachi 3:18 says, "Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked."

Point 3 - The Tares
The tares are the children of the wicked one, the devil. They were sowed while men slept. Satan watches for opportunities to do bad things. Looking at the field, we see these weeds grow looking like wheat, but are not. Same as people today. We call ourselves Christians doing any and everything and we are not, Malachi 3:18 says, "Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked." Between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. Christ himself will decide who are worthy to dwell with the family of heaven. He will judge every man according to his works. The Savior does not point forward to the time when all tares become wheat. The grow together until the harvest, the end of the world. Then the tares are bound in bundles to be burned, and the wheat which are the people of God, is gathered into the garner of God. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their father. God is saying today it's harvest time. All is ripe, and ready to be cut down. The ripe shall be ready to go back with God. So I say to you let's get out of our father's business, working in His field.

Bible Verse

Honor your father and your mother that your days might be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Exodus 20:12

ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA

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Scripture: Proverbs 6:1-19

***Thinking of you. Praying for you: The Wilson, Smith, Minis, Henderson and Yelverton families, Kimberly Russell, Evelyn Manning, Rev. E. Maywood, Mary L. Stephens, Dora Belcher, Jo Ann Warren, Neomi Smith, Robert Tillis, Ella M. Brooks, Mary E. Holley, Lesa Gutley.

***March Birthdays: Cleva M. Williams Davis - March 3; Warren Belcher - March 5; Juanita Belcher Brooks - March 5.

***Youth, Revival Services at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Elba will be March 21-23 at 7:15 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker March 21 and 22 will be Elder James Starks, Bay Minette C.O.G.I.C. of Bay Minette, Ala.

On Friday, March 23, the guest speaker will be Rev. James Corbit, New Bethel-AME of Florida, Ala. and Saint Matthew's AME of Lockhart, Ala. March 21 - Bay Minette COGIC, Wooten Chapel, Elba.

Zion, Rocky Head, Saint Mary, Pleasant Grove and Mount Lebanon, Mount Calvary Youth - Alex Smedley and Danell Foster; March 22 - Oak Grove, Collins Chapel, New Glorious COGIC, Collins Chapel, Popular Springs, New Zion and Morning Star, Mount Calvary Youth - Demetri Caldwell and LaShunda Flowers; March 23 - Mount Zion, New Bethel AME, Bethlehem, Saint, Matthews AME, Shady Grove AME, Greater Springfield, Pleasant Shade, and Greater Holy

Temple COGIC, Mount Calvary Youth - Mesha DeRamus and Lakiya Flowers.

***Rocky Head Church Youth Group will sponsor a Basketball Tournament on March 9-10 at the Elba High School Gym. It will be a double elimination tournament with a \$75 entry fee. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place winners. Half court shoot-out during halftime. Contact Melvin Cross at 897-3334, Freddie Culver at 897-8216 or Willie Edwards at 897-1475.

***The YWA Red Circle and Jr. Mission 3rd Annual Concert to be held at the Friendship MBC in Elba will be March 18 at 5 p.m. Mountain Spring MBC, Opelika, will be the guest choir. The Mt. Zion MBC Matrons Dept. will be celebrating their Matron's Day on March 25 at 2:30 p.m.

***Mary Harris and Theodore Whitehurst, Enterprise, and Eria L. Belcher, Elba, visited Jada and Bettye Reffegger, Elba, recently.

***The Southeast District State Convention board meeting will be March 15, 10 a.m., at the First Missionary Baptist Church, 370 Chichasaw Street, Dothan.

***A Benefit Rally for Bro. Nick Nelson at Rocky Head MBC Church, Elba, will be March 18 at 6 p.m. Nelson has been chosen as a representative to England/Ireland. Today is a good day, be grateful.

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SCHOOLS

Making the best of it

by Chelsea Cooper
An accident in the lunchroom line at EES has left 7-year-old Jacob Murray in a body cast. Jacob, a second grade student in Mrs. Benbow's class, is set to get his cast taken off at the beginning of May and then will begin rehabilitation. The cast has rendered him unable to return to class this school year.

Jacob is being tutored at home by Dawn Grimes who gets his classwork from Mrs. Benbow. Mrs. Benbow visits Jacob's house on Thursdays during her planning period. Mrs. Benbow speaks highly of Jacob and says he is very smart and coping with his injury very well. Marsha Oges, the guidance counselor, also visits Jacob frequently and says he is in high spirits, but he misses the company of his classmates.

Recently, Mr. McColough and Mrs. Sabrina Kelley loaded Jacob up and brought him to school for his class' Valentine party. According to Mrs. Benbow, his classmates were really glad to see him and he had a wonderful time. They hope to bring him to visit more often as the semester progresses.

The EHS Journalism Staff would like to express our admiration for Jacob and wish him and his family the very best and a speedy recovery.

NEWS From ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College's popular social interest course, "Using the Microcomputer Level I," will be offering a third session this spring semester to assist persons having NO keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer keyboard, taught basic computer terminology, and have hands-on experience with a word processing package. Overcoming a fear of computer usage, understanding basic keyboarding functions, and gaining a sense of the potential for computer use in the home, work and/or educational environment are emphasized. Participants must bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. The course is scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays, April 2, 10, 17, 24, 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is a \$40.00 fee for the course, and the registration deadline is March 26. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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Elementary students perform plays



The play, "A Time to Walk," was performed by Mrs. Grimes' 4th grade reading class (Mrs. Dye's homeroom) on Feb. 23. The cast of characters were: (sitting l to r) Seth Coleman, Brandon Siler, Shelby Brunson, Keenan Phillips and Kelley Cordor. Standing are: (l to r) Ethan Tharp, Chessie Cross, Michael Jackson, Sebastian Haddaway, Meredith Brunson, Megan Sullivan, David Maddaloni, Bradley Wilson, Francine Dixon and Maisie Thomas.



The play, "Close Encounters of the Weird Kind," was performed by Mrs. Grimes' 4th grade reading class (Mrs. Dye's homeroom) on February 15th. Sitting are: (l to r) Ethan Tharp, Rachel Morrow and Cameron Rodgers. Standing are: (l to r) Brandon Siler, Michael Jackson, David Maddaloni, Seth Coleman and Amanda Geddings. Also, the play, "Close Encounters of the Weird Kind" was performed by Mrs. Grimes' 4th grade reading class (Mrs. Grimes' homeroom) on Feb. 15. The cast of characters was Brittany Davis, Jamison Baker, Andrew Head, Donnie Stinson, Yolonda Wright, Travis Simmons, Cody Sasser, Amber Hill, Martin Levens and James Morris. Picture was not available for this group.

Elba Elementary School Menu March 12 - 16, 2001

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Corn Dog, Turnips, Macaroni & Cheese, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Filet Sandwich, Potato Flounder, Green Beans, Apple Cisp, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chili w/ Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese, Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Tuna Salad, Corn, French Fries, Crackers, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Ice Cream, Milk



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McKinnon finalist in 3A Miss Basketball competition

by Cammie Kelley
Sweat, not just perspiration, but a dedication to a team, a school, and a person. Sweat falls profusely across the eyes and covers the entire face in a bitter embrace. This sweat has shaped Elba Lady Tiger Basketball star Roshanda McKinnon into the best.

Presently, her dedication has paid off. Miss McKinnon has been selected as one of three finalists in the 3A Miss Basketball competition. Roshanda was nominated by her coach, Mr. Leroy Carnley.

During the 2000-2001 season, Roshanda was the lone senior for the Lady Tigers. She grasped this leadership and led the Lady Tigers to a fabulous season. Roshanda averaged 19.4 PPG this season and has scored over 1,000 points for her career. She did average 9.5 rebounds per game.

Not only is Roshanda a great



Roshanda McKinnon

athlete, but she is also vice president of the Senior Class, an SGA representative, an EHS ambassador, and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Her GPA is 3.99. Roshanda had these words: "I am honored to be recognized as one of the top three players in Alabama in 3A and to be among

some very talented athletes. I have had a pretty good season this year, and I've had an opportunity to play with some great athletes throughout my career. Although this is an individual honor, all the credit lies with my teammates. Without their support and understanding, it would not have been possible to have such a great year. I just would like to thank them all. I know how tough it got this season, but they stuck it out. In the words of Tony, they're great!" Roshanda attended a luncheon in Birmingham on Monday, February 26.

Roshanda is a well rounded young lady with goals that she will continue to set and meet. As a classmate, Roshanda expresses a hunger for life, a willingness to help, and a passion for the game. Roshanda is the last of the famous "McKinnons," and all will remember her athleticism and her success.

Brochure Planning

Mrs. Laurie Chapman, owner of FORM & FUNCTION, a local publishing company, spoke to Mrs. Collins' Advanced English classes about the things to consider when planning a brochure.

Necessary considerations include purpose, audience, time, and budget. Mrs. Chapman gave each student a handout with valuable information about publishing, including web addresses for assistance.

She also agreed to serve as a resource person during the design process.

Both advanced classes will work in groups to research and design a brochure.

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Faculty blowout in basketball game

by Alan Head

On Thursday, Feb. 15, the EHS faculty and senior boys played in the annual Student/Faculty Basketball Game. Sponsored by the Sr. Beta Club, this game is used as a fundraiser for the cause of fighting eye fatigue, a disease that causes brain damage. As for the fundraising at the event, it was a success. For the student team, it was just another disaster.

When the game began at the opening tip off, the faculty took control and easily put up an early 7-0 lead. However, the pesky students fought back behind the play of Carson Waters and Clay Sutley and kept the game close at the end of the first quarter 20-12.

When the second quarter began, the faculty took a big 15-point run behind the outside shooting of Tim Williams and Leroy Carnley and the low-post play of Mike Waters.

At the half, the faculty had massed a 26-point lead and never looked back, winning the game 61-36. The leading scorer for the student team was Carson Waters with 12; Leroy Carnley led his own team with 15. Here are the rest of the scores:

Faculty: Bledsoe-8, Grimes-7, Collins-2, Waters-5, Weeks-10, Lambert-2, Williams-14, Carnley-15.
Students: Cook-4, Waters-12, Satter-5, Brunson-5, Sutley-9.



Faculty team members take a breather



Student team members keep an eye on the action taking place on the court

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Senior research papers

The members of the senior English class are in the process of completing the required research paper they need for a credit in this class. This is not a new story. It is a story that THE REBEL NEWS has been doing for several years. So, a new way to present this story was important. This new way was to let Barbara Bar, our exchange student from Germany, write the story for us. The following paragraphs are what she wrote:

"The seniors are working on this paper for two months and have to turn in 75 note cards, 5 source cards, a rough and final outline, and a rough and final draft. The minimum amount of text is ten pages typed in font size 12, double spaced. We spent one week doing our research in the library of the school, using books, magazines, and the Internet. This week, we are working on our rough drafts."

"This is the first time for me writing a research paper and it is a new experience. I have never worked on one topic for so long before, which I have chosen for myself. My topic is First Ladies of the United States. I chose this topic, because it gives me the chance to learn more about America, how American women influenced the world, and what skills a first lady has to have to be successful."

"I like doing a research paper because it gives everybody the chance to learn more about something that someone wants to know more about. But I still have some difficulties in writing because of the English grammar. I sometimes do not know more than one expression for a word, when I do not want to repeat it."

"Doing a research paper is lots of work, but it is a good experience."

Rebel Band News

District Band Competition
"District Band" Competition lasted for three days and on the third day the Zion Chapel band performed. Many bands from Southeast Alabama attend this competition.

Each band that performed played three concert pieces for a panel of three judges. A band could choose to enter the sight-reading competition. This is a competition where the band gets a new piece of music and plays it for the first time.

After each band performed the judges scored each on a scale of I to IV. I is superior, II is excellent, III is good, and IV is fair.

The Zion Chapel band earned three IIs, for an overall score of excellent.

"I was so proud of how our students rose to the challenge of competing in a concert band setting," said Michael Bird, band director. "Marching Band is one thing, but concert band competitions separate the 'men from the boys,' if you will. If you don't have a concert band, many directors don't view your school as having a good band program at all," he continued.

"I played the students a recording of themselves in September, then in February, and the difference was night and day. The kids even realize how far they have come and how much improvement they have made," Mr. Bird said. "The band members really started to realize how good a sound they were getting as a concert band, and in the final days of preparation for District, I started thinking, 'hey, maybe we won't get 3's and 4's, we might get 1's or 2's.'"

Examples of the kinds of speeches given by the members of this class are Kristen McLeod's speech on climbing Mt. Everest. She found out that out of every six hundred who make it to the top of the mountain, about thirty die.

Clay Lewis gave a speech of the Homeric Question. Did he or did he not exist.

Meta Gatlin gave a speech on Susan Anthony and women's right to vote.

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Exchange student: A Bosnian school day

by Edin Karabeg

Edin Karabeg from Sarajevo, Bosnia, who is an exchange student at Zion Chapel, was asked to describe what a typical day would be like for a student in Bosnia. Here is what he said (Editor's Note: Most of what Edin wrote when asked to do this article has been left just as he wrote it. It's his phrasing and it's the way he sounds. This way the readers will get to know him better).

"The typical day at school back in Bosnia wouldn't be a really pleasant one. I get up usually at seven a.m. and get ready. When I get ready I take the 15 kilometer walk to school. School starts at eight a.m. Everyday is a different day in schedule. During the day we usually have seven to eight, sometimes nine class, a day, each 45 minutes."

"The most difficult subject is MATH. Nobody likes math but everybody is good in it. Math teachers have their own rules and are usually the most hated ones in the school. Every student seems to be on a thin line between failing or passing (that is tradition)."

"Right on the top list after Math are natural science subjects like Physics, Chemistry, and Biology."

"Something that could be compared with math would be Latin (language). It really is difficult and the way we learn it, it makes it even more difficult. Latin teachers are very conservative in the way they teach. You never really talk back to them and the math teachers. Latin has really the most difficult grammar of all languages. Everything is irregular; there seem to be 'no' regularities in words and verbs. It is really difficult."

"Other subjects are not really difficult, but there are so many of them: geography, history, music, philosophy, sociology, art, English, German, Bosnian literature. Defense of

ZCES Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day

The teachers and staff of the Zion Chapel Elementary School were recognized for their work during a teacher and staff appreciation day.

Breakfast was provided by Mr. Bob Andrews, principal. Door prizes were given away during the day. These prizes were provided and prepared by several parents of elementary school students.

The support staff prepared refreshments that were enjoyed by all throughout the day.

Mrs. Shirley Goodson, a member of the support staff, said, "We want to thank each person who helped make this day a great success. Feb. 16, 2001, will be a day remembered and cherished by all who were involved." Mrs. Goodson, who helped plan the day for the teachers, said that without the people who helped by preparing refreshments, providing the gift baskets, and donating the door prizes, the day would not have been the success that it was.

Democratic Societies, sports, and Informatics (computers). It is a bunch of work."

"You always pray that the teachers won't pick you to ask you questions (for a grade). This is the way of testing. We do not receive work sheets and papers like here. There is a book for every subject that you learn from. But like I said you never know when the teachers are going to ask you. It depends on luck and you always have to be ready. This is the motto: Most of the days are lucky days for me, because I have the number 15 in the class book and this is right in the middle. They usually ask more people from the end and the beginning. Nobody know why but it is like this. It is really a privilege being number 15. But you are going to be asked anyway, sooner or later."

"When the school is over I

may go with friends downtown just hanging around and talking. Nobody rides cars for the students. Everybody rides the public transportation system (street trains and buses). Sarajevo is a big city so that you can't walk always. If you want to get somewhere, it's fun though."

"When I get home, I usually have a lot of work to do for school. We don't have homework (never), but you have to be always ready because you never know when it is your day. You usually check the schedule to see what you have tomorrow so that you can concentrate on the subjects for tomorrow. When this is done, I may call some friends to go out or try to talk. If there is time, I can watch a movie with the family from the movie gallery. Afterward I go to sleep."

FFA Chapter News

FFA Week

FFA Week is a week in February each year when the thousands of FFA members across the United States participate in a celebration of their organization and what it does for its members.

At Zion Chapel a week of activities was planned. One day there was a petting zoo for students in grade 6 Kindergarten through six. Megan Legg, Kevin Dowdy and Marcus Moody, brought birds and animals to school for the zoo. There was a bob white quail, crested tame ducks, mallard ducks, Egyptian geese, baby goats, and game chickens. There was also Betty Lou, the pot-bellied pig.

Another day they had ATV safety for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. An ATV is an all terrain vehicle. They are used for recreation and on farms for easier and quicker movement. They are also used for hunting.

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10th English class creates creatures

"Create a Creature" is the name of the nine weeks project for the members of the tenth grade English class.

The purpose of this project was to review parts of speech and to practice alliteration. An alliteration is a repetition of the same sound.

Students were given instructions for writing a six line poem about the creature they would create. In line one the creature



Pictured above with some of the created creatures is Lisa Deubelt

was to be named with a nonsensical noun. The name chosen for the creature determined the sound or letter to be repeated throughout the poem. The second line had to be made up of three adjectives and three prepositional phrases and was to tell the creature's lives. Line three was to be a statement describing what the creature did to embarrass a writer. Line six was to tell the creature good-bye.

Below are two examples of the poems that were written.

Meet Promolomologous
by Amanda Perry
A Promolomologous lives with peppy people, in perfect places, along peaceful pathways. It eats plain pasta, purple pop-tarts, and peppery pizza. A Promolomologous plays prissily, promises promptly, and practices patiently.

My Cocalofagus
by Ashley Wambles
Meet a Cocalofagus. A Cocalofagus lives above candy clouds, around cushioned caterpillars, and near colored

cats. It eats clicking clams, chocolate corn, and caramel cake. It commands calmly, creeps courageously, and it counts continuously.

My Cocalofagus "came through California with a camouflage cap calling a coconut covered couch.

Come again Cocalofagus."

Ponder proudly. Pomolomologous.

Coffee County Schools Menu March 12 - 16, 2001

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit, Allens' Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Cheeseburger, Space Dog, French Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit, Flying Saucer Cookies, Milk
Tuesday - French Toast, Syrup, Aerolink Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Mexican Chicken Casserole, Turkey Roast, Saturn Onion Rings, Space Rock Butterbeans, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Wednesday - Saturn Biscuit, Chicken, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Pepperoni Pizza, Flying Fish Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Corn, Fruit, Corned Beef, Milk
Thursday - Asteroid Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Flying Saucer Chicken Sandwich, Beef & Cheese Nachos, Whole Potatoes, English Peas, Fruit, Cherry Cobbler, Milk
Friday - Moon Rock Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Steak Sandwich, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Corn on Cob, Broccoli, Fruit, Space Bars, Milk

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Mom usually helps Melanie with her homework every night and they very seldom ask Dad to join in. However, last week Dad was called upon for some help when it was time for Melanie to write a speech and then write an essay. I let Melanie tell me about the subject of the speech and then helped her put her ideas on paper, while the essay was a little tougher, since we had to do some research on the subject and then try to organize the facts. We got both projects completed without any major problems, and I'll even admit that this time Dad got to learn a few things, too!

PUTTING THE WRAPS ON THE WEEK IN SPORTS...

*** I was a little surprised last summer when Elba's Ken English was named the head basketball coach at Malone High School, but I wasn't surprised at all this week when he announced his resignation from the Florida school after only one season at the helm. Coach English had been out of coaching for almost a decade when he landed the job at the perennial Florida small school basketball power, and was very excited about getting back into coaching, especially since he would get the chance to coach his son. Coach English was still excited about the job after a successful appearance in the Dothan Progress Holiday Classic, but then had a piece of his heart ripped out when at a regular season game some unimply Malone fans ridiculed his son during a game. The unwarranted criticism of his son, just because he was the coach's son and was a newcomer to the team, hurt Coach English deeply, and I sensed the end was near. Last week he told me he was stepping down from the job that he had been in love with only a few months earlier, and it came as no surprise. Coach English has been a winner everywhere he has ever coached, and maybe one day he will find just the right job and get back in the game he loves so much. Good luck, Coach!

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association held its annual "Final 4" state basketball tournament last week in Birmingham, and teams from South Alabama and from the area all brought home plenty of hardware. The boys' championships are headed south as Lanier, Blount, Coosa Central, Calhoun, Barbour County and Pleasant Home all won state championships, while over in the girls' tournament Andalusia took home the state crown. Teams from this area have always been strong in basketball, but for Calhoun, Barbour County, Pleasant Home and Andalusia all to bring home state championships in the same year is nothing short of amazing. The feat may be hard to ever repeat, but this year the home folks showed they could play the game.

*** Elba's Roshanda McKinnon didn't bring home player of the year honors in Class 3A at last week's banquet, but just the fact McKinnon was a finalist spoke wonders for the Elba Lady Tigers' basketball program. The Lady Tigers set a modern school record with 21 wins, and McKinnon got state wide attention because of the team's success. Last year, Tim Ware was also a nominee for the 3A player of the year among the boys. So, it looks like Elba Tiger basketball has made huge strides in recent years and is now known all across the state.

*** The Elba Recreation Department hosted the Boys 14 and Under and Boys 12 and Under ARPA District 8 Basketball Tournaments last weekend at the Elba High gym, and the competition and the skills of the youngsters was amazing in both age divisions. All the games were highlighted by three-pointers and a race home style of play, and the teams all showed that they were indeed All-Stars. While the size of the crowds was a little disappointing, the play was better than anyone could have imagined and every single player that took part left a winner.

*** The Elba All-Stars teams failed to get a win this season in District Tournament play, as the 14 and Under Boys, 12 and Under Boys, 10 and Under Boys and 12 and Under Girls all suffered first round losses. The addition of seventh grade basketball for both the boys and girls at Elba Junior High has taken away many of the best young players from the Rec League, but recreation ball is all about giving the kids something to do, and hopefully teaching them the skills of a sport, and that was accomplished. While it is true the Elba teams failed to win, they all competed in a three month season and had the pride and determination to get in front of crowds at strange new gyms and give it their all. Forget the scores, the Elba All-Stars were all winners in my book!

*** In closing, the Elba Athletic Club has reorganized, and needs the help of every single Elba High sports fan to help make the Tigers and Lady Tigers the best in whatever sport they compete. Earl McCollough had kept the club alive for the past two years almost entirely by himself, but his recent health problems made such a tireless work schedule impossible, and others in the community have stepped up and taken over the reins. Every single high school athlete at Elba High owes Earl McCollough a huge "Thank You," and hopefully the newly organized club can keep his dreams alive and provide the teams with the support they so badly need. When a club member asks for your help, please say yes.

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In both baseball and softball

Youth registration deadline extended until March 9

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